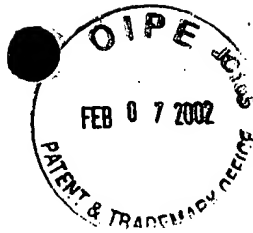


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: Group Art Unit: 2661
Application No.: 09/188,108)
: Filed: November 9, 1998)
: For: COMMUNICATION)
: NETWORK, AND NODE)
: DEVICE USED THEREIN)
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AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 40 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject
matter and add new Claims 41 to 52 as follows. The claims, as currently pending in the
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